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**Security Risk Assessment Tool**

**What is the Security Risk Assessment Tool (SRA Tool)?**

The [Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC)](http://www.healthit.gov/newsroom/about-onc) recognizes that conducting a risk assessment can be a challenging task. That’s why ONC, in collaboration with the HHS Office for Civil Rights (OCR) and the HHS Office of the General Counsel (OGC), developed a downloadable [SRA Tool [.exe - 91.3 MB]](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/sra_release-2.0-4-8-16.exe) to help guide you through the process. This tool is not required by the HIPAA Security Rule, but is meant to assist providers and professionals as they perform a risk assessment.

The SRA Tool is a self-contained, operating system (OS) independent application that can be run on various environments including Windows OS’s for desktop and laptop computers and Apple’s iOS for iPad only. The iOS SRA Tool application for iPad, available at no cost, can be downloaded from Apple’s [App Store](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/hhs-sra-tool/id820478630?ls=1&mt=8)[Web Site Disclaimers](http://www.healthit.gov/newsroom/web-site-disclaimers).

The SRA Tool takes you through each HIPAA requirement by presenting a question about your organization’s activities. Your “yes” or “no” answer will show you if you need to take corrective action for that particular item. There are a total of 156 questions.

Resources are included with each question to help you:

* Understand the context of the question
* Consider the potential impacts to your PHI if the requirement is not met
* See the actual safeguard language of the HIPAA Security Rule

You can document your answers, comments, and risk remediation plans directly into the SRA Tool. **The tool serves as your local repository for the information and does not send your data anywhere else.**

Completing a risk assessment requires a time investment. At any time during the risk assessment process, you can pause to view your current results. The results are available in a color-coded graphic view (Windows version only) or in printable PDF and Excel formats.

For details on how to use the tool, download the [SRA Tool User Guide [PDF - 4.5 MB]](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/attachmenta-security_risk_assessment_tool_user_guide_v6.pdf).

A paper-based version of the tool is also available:

* [Administrative Safeguards [DOCX - 397 KB]\*](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/attachment_b_-_20140312_sratool_content_-_administrative_volume_v6_clean.docx)
* [Technical Safeguards [DOCX - 312 KB]\*](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/attachment_d_-_20140320_sratool_content_-_technical_volume_v61_clean.docx)
* [Physical Safeguards [DOCX - 263 KB]\*](https://www.healthit.gov/sites/default/files/attachment_c_-_20140318_sratool_content_-_physical_volume_v6_clean.docx)

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